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What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for communicating information to a device user, comprising:
2 presenting a textual indication to the user regarding a high level aspect of a
3 device functionality;
4 receiving an input from the user regarding the device functionality; and
5 presenting a graphical indication to the user regarding a low level aspect of the
6 device functionality.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of presenting a graphical indication to the user regarding the device functionality further comprises the step of presenting a textual indication along with the graphical indication.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the device functionality pertains to
2 displaying and facilitating adjustment of a device setting.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the textual indication is provided
2 within a button that when selected displays the graphical indication to the user.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the graphical indication conveys a
2 current value of the device setting to the user.

1 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the graphical indication is used to
2 facilitate adjustment of the device setting.

1 7. The method of claim 3, wherein the device setting comprises the scale
2 of a copy produced by the device.

1 8. The method of claim 3, wherein the device setting comprises the
2 contrast of a copy produced by the device.

1 9. A system for communicating information to a device user, comprising:
2 means for presenting a textual indication to the user regarding a high level
3 aspect of a device functionality;
4 means for receiving an input from the user regarding the device functionality;
5 and
6 means for presenting a graphical indication to the user regarding a low level
7 aspect of the device functionality.

1 10. The system of claim 1, wherein the means for presenting a graphical
2 indication to the user regarding the device functionality further comprises means for
3 presenting a textual indication along with the graphical indication.

1 11. The system of claim 1, wherein the device functionality pertains to
2 displaying and facilitating adjustment of a device setting.

1 12. The system of claim 3, wherein the textual indication is provided
2 within a button that when selected displays the graphical indication to the user.

1 13. The system of claim 4, wherein the graphical indication conveys a
2 current value of the device setting.

1 14. The system of claim 4, wherein the graphical indication is used to
2 facilitate adjustment of the device setting.

1 15. The system of claim 3, wherein the device setting comprises the scale
2 of a copy produced by the device.

1 16. The system of claim 3, wherein the device setting comprises the
2 contrast of a copy produced by the device.

1 17. A system, including computer readable media, for communicating
2 information to a device user, comprising:
3 logic configured to present a textual indication to the user regarding a high

4 level aspect of a device functionality;
 5 logic configured to receive an input from the user regarding the device
 6 functionality; and
 7 logic configured to present a graphical indication to the user regarding a low
 8 level aspect of the device functionality.

1 18. The system of claim 17, wherein the logic configured to present a
 2 graphical indication to the user regarding the device functionality further comprises
 3 logic configured to present a textual indication along with the graphical indication.

1 19. The system of claim 17, wherein the device functionality pertains to
 2 displaying and facilitating adjustment of a device setting.

1 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the textual indication is provided
 2 within a button that when selected displays the graphical indication to the user.

1 21. The system of claim 20, wherein the graphical indication conveys a
 2 current value of the device setting.

1 22. The system of claim 20, wherein the graphical indication is used to
 2 facilitate adjustment of the device setting.

1 23. The system of claim 19, wherein the device setting comprises the scale
 2 of a copy produced by the device.

1 24. The system of claim 19, wherein the device setting comprises the
 2 contrast of a copy produced by the device.

1 25. A peripheral device, comprising:
2 a control panel having a display screen with which information is presented to
3 a device user; and
4 an information communication module adapted to present device setting
5 buttons containing textual indications as to the type of setting to which each button
6 pertains, and further adapted to present a graphical indication as to the setting to
7 which a button pertains upon selection of the button via the control panel.

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